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REFTEL REPORTED EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE OF GECAMINES FY77 IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FROM U.S. AS \$40 MILLION. SUBSEQUENTLY, CONSULATE OFFICER AT LUBUMBASHI INFORMALLY QUERIED GECAMINES OFFICIALS. THEY REPORTED THAT ON ANNUAL BASIS GECAMINES COULD IMPORT FROM U.S. SOURCES, IF ADEQUATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE WERE AVAILABLE, MACHINES FOR REGULAR OPERATIONS WITH VALUE OF \$25 MILLION AND SPARE PARTS AND CONSUMABLES VALUED AT \$15 MILLION, FOR A TOTAL OF \$40 MILLION. IN ADDITION, GECAMINES COULD IMPORT FROM U.S. SOURCES \$6 MILLION OF MATERIALS RELATED TO NORMAL EXPANSION PLANS AND \$8 MILLION FOR PORTION OF SPECIAL EXPANSION PROGRAM NOT COVERED BY FUNDS FROM WORLD BANK OR OTHER SOURCES. GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL OF GECAMINES' IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FROM U.S., IF ADEQUATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE WERE AVAILABLE, DURING FY77 IS \$54 MILLION.
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